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1. US VIEWS REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH FOREIGN AND COMMON-WEALTH OFFICE, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS OFFICER HARRISON. SHE HAD BEEN BRIEFED BY DEPARTMENT OF TRADE (PREVIOUSLY POSTAL MINISTRY) OFFICIALS WHO HAD MET WITH MR. STOCK IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY ON US POSITION.

2. IN RESPONSE TO FOUR POINTS PARA 5 REFTEL, UK VIEWS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) UK VERY LIKELY TO ASSUME 50 UNIT CATEGORY BUT FINAL DECISION WILL BE BASED ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY OTHER MAJOR STATES ALSO TO ASSUME SUCH STATUS.

(B) AND (C): UK WILL NOT CO-SPONSOR NOR SUPPORT RESOLUTION DELETING MANDATORY ROTATION BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND UK WILL NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE. UK VIEW IS THAT IF IN DELETING ROTATION REQUIREMENT IT COULD BE SURE THAT UK, US AND MAJOR EUROPEAN STATES WOULD BE ASSURED OF CONTINUING SEAT ON COUNCIL IT WOULD SUPPORT.

IN UK VIEW THIS NOT AT ALL CERTAIN AND, IN FACT, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT COUNTRIES WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE

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INVOLVEMENT IN PROVIDING POSTAL SERVICES MAY WELL OBTAIN

AND HOLD SEATS.

(D) UK AGREES IT UNLIKELY THAT EXPANSION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CAN BE HELD TO ONE SEAT AS PROPOSED BY PAKISTAN. UK ALSO EXPECTS OTHER PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT FORWARD. IN THIS REGARD, UK WOULD WELCOME INCREASE IN COUNCIL TO 36 MEMBERS SINCE UK DESIRES TO RETURN TO COUNCIL AND INCREASE OF FIVE WOULD LIKELY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN SEAT. ACCORDING TO HARRISON, HOST COUNTRY (SWITZERLAND) AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVES SEAT AND THIS WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ANOTHER SEAT FOR EUROPEANS.

3. FROM GENERAL CONVERSATION REGARDING POINT (D) ABOVE, IT APPEARS, ALTHOUGH THIS NOT CLEARLY STATED, THAT EUROPEANS AND UK IN CEPT (EUROPEAN POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE) MAY HAVE AGREED TO ACT ALONG LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE TO OBTAIN TWO ADDITIONAL SEATS ON COUNCIL FOR EUROPEANS.

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